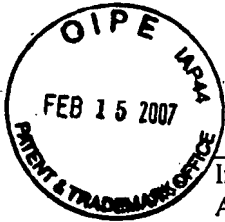


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that this Response to Non-Final Office Action be entered in the above-identified application file as follows:¹

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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¹ The original Office Action was mailed September 22, 2006. However, due to the delay in the Patent Office's acceptance of a Power of Attorney for Applicants' representatives, the Examiner issued a new Office Action cover page dated November 15, 2006. The Examiner confirmed in telephone call on November 21, 2006 that the 3-month deadline for responding to the outstanding Office Action is now February 15, 2007.